

I fully support RM-10765, and urge passage of this measure.

Radioteletype (RTTY) communication has provided services that stretch back to times before WWII. To this day there are many radio operators that use this information medium, employing both computer and hard-copy teletype terminals.

Much of this equipment can be powered by 12V vehicle batteries, enabling an emergency communication network of operators around the world.

The frequencies of operation do not depend on repeater sites or satellites for effective communication around the curvature of the globe. The technology is simple and reliable, and can reach incredible distances.

Consider a scenario in which significant areas of the country are without power, telephone land-line service is disrupted, and cellular phone service is out. Radio and TV stations may be off the air for some time. Radios operating at VHF and up will require repeater sites to reach any distance; these repeaters may be off-air for lack of power. But someone with a battery-powered RTTY rig and a simple wire antenna is able to communicate across the country.

In these days of homeland security concerns, it is imperative to embrace all practical means of communication -- especially RTTY, which already has a large following of enthusiasts and an infrastructure that is currently in place.

I urge the FCC to carefully consider and pass this proposal.

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